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LOST STRANGER

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もぉ…。
MOFU (RUFFLE)
もぉ
MOFU
もぉ
MOFU
もぉ
MOFU
もぉぉぉぉっ
MOFUFU
WHAT'S GOING ON...? THERE'S SOMETHING FLUFFY ON MY FACE...
もぞぞっ
MOZOZO (WIGGLE)
SFX: MOFU
AHH~
SO COMFY~
...IT'S THE BELLY FUR OF TAKA, OUR FAMILY'S PET DOG!
A POM!
I KNOW THIS... SENSA-TION...
...HUH? BUT WHEN DID I...
...GO BACK TO OUR PARENTS' PLACE...?
MOFU
MOZOZO
もぉ
もぞぞっ
OH YEAH, I WAS WORKING IN TOKYO, AND...
AND...
THAT'S RIGHT—
PACHI (BLINK)
ぱちっ
AH!
!?

ちょ
CHOKON (POP)

...
KUPO?

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!!??

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LOST STRANGER
CHAPTER 1 PRELUDE-REBIRTH

FF AS IT IS NOW IS FUN AND ALL!!

FUN AND ALLLL, BUT!!!

DAN だんっ

DAN だんっ

DAN (DONK) だんっ

SO IT'S LIKE, YOU KNOW!

THE VERY REASON I WANTED TO JOIN SE, YOU KNOW!

GABAA (FWUP)

THE WHOLE WORLD IS WAITING !!!

BUT I BET THEY CAN DO MORE! IT'S FF FOR CRYIN' OUT LOUD!

THERE'S GOTTA BE MORE TO THIS, RIGHT !!??

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UUUGH...

LEMME DO SOME DESIGN-INGGGGGGGG !!!!

YOSHIDAAA-AAAAAAAAAA!!! TAABATAAAAAA-AAAAAA!!!

DOYO (MURMER)

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SUCHA (FWOOP)

HA-HA-HA, WATCH THIS! I CAN EVEN FARM GIL DURING MY LUNCH BREAK!

GAH, TIME TO UNWIND WITH SOME FF14!

SFX: KACHA (CLICK)

BUTSU

BUTSU

BUTSU (MUTTER)

BUTSU

AT 4 P.M., THE RAW AZURITE NODES SPAWN AT THE AZIM STEPPE, SO I GOTTA SWING BY THE MARKET BOARDS TO CHECK PRICES—OH, BUT MY ADVENTURER SQUADRON IS BACK, SO FIRST I'LL—

HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH

ARGH!

OUCH! WHAT'S THAT FOR...?

GO (THUNK)

THAT'S ENOOOUGH!

GOFULLU (SPLAT)

BUHH!

YUKO!

EH!? EH!?

DOOON (BAM)

YOU'VE BEEN MUTTERING THIS WHOLE TIME, ONII-CHAN!

H-!

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EH-HEH-HEH, YOU BETCHA.

VICTORY!

I'VE COME THIS FAR IN JUST TWO YEARS! I'M ON A ROLL! ♪

DON'T YOU "EHH" ME!

EHH—

YOUR DEAR LITTLE SISTER IS USING HER PRECIOUS BREAK TO EAT WITH YOU AND LEND AN EAR, SO QUIT GAMING!

PAY ATTENTION TO ME! ME!

AND ACTING ALL DRUNK OFF HOUJI-CHA!

SFX: PACHA (SNAP)

YOU'VE BEEN PUT IN CHARGE OF A PRETTY BIG PROMO EVENT?

I HEARD THE NEWS, YUKO.

UHH... OH!

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SO YOU REALLY CAN'T JUST ASK TO WORK ON IT? NO VOLUNTEERING EITHER?

CALLING ME SICK NOW, HUH ...

YOU SEEMED KINDA ANNOYED EARLIER. FF CREATOR-ITIS ACTING UP, AGAIN?

MEH, OH WELL...

WELL, DUH. DIFFERENT DIVISIONS BASICALLY CAN'T EVEN TELL EACH OTHER WHAT THEY'RE WORKING ON.

YUP!

...I SEE.

THAT'S GREAT.

MUST BE BECAUSE SHE'S ALWAYS BEEN SOCIABLE AND CLEVER...

GUESS I REALLY HAVE NO BUSINESS MAKING SUGGES-TIONS FOR FF —

NOT ONLY ARE THEY A DIFFERENT DIVISION, I HAVE WORK ON MY OWN...

THINGS ARE TOUGH IN THE GROWN-UP WORLD.

OH, RIGHT...

UH-HUH.

HA-HA...

...JUST WON'T CUT IT, RIGHT?

BEING THE BEST AND MOST INFORMED FF FAN IN THE COMPANY...

.....

...FOR ME TO ACCEPT BEING AN ADULT.

I GUESS IT'S ABOUT TIME...

CAN YOU REALLY GIVE UP WITH A SMILE ON YOUR FACE?

BUT—

IS THAT REALLY WHAT YOU WANT, ONII-CHAN?

YOU CAN ALWAYS FIND A WAY TO BEAT A GAME!

GAMES ARE ALL ABOUT BEING OBSERVANT!

MY METICULOUS BROTHER WOULD WRITE HIS OWN GUIDE BOOKS AS HE PLAYED THROUGH THE GAMES.

LOOK HARD, STUDY HARD, THINK HARD, AND SEARCH HARD!

OOOKAY!

REMEMBER THAT, YUKO!

THE THINGS WE LEARN FROM GAMES HELP US IN REAL LIFE TOO!

GAMES REPRESENT EVERYTHING THAT HUMANS ARE CAPABLE OF!

GAMES ARE AWESOME! THE GAMEPLAY, THE CHARACTERS, AND THE STORY...

AN FF THAT WILL TEACH AND INSPIRE LOTSA PEOPLE!!!

I'LL MAKE MY VERY OWN FF!

YUKO! WHEN I GROW UP, I'M GONNA BE A GAME-MAKER!

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OUR OWN FF!!!

YAY, OUR VEWY OWN EFF EFF!

HA-HA-HA, LET'S MAKE IT TOGETHER THEN!

YUKO TOO!

YUKO'S GONNA MAKE IT TOO! MAKE AN FF!

KYAA! キャッ

KYAA! キャッ

"I WANNA BE LIKE AN FF HERO" WAS ONII-CHAN'S FAVORITE PHRASE.

HIS DETERMINATION TO SEE THINGS THROUGH TO THE END...

...MADE HIM COOLER THAN ANY FF HERO IN MY EYES...

SO WHEN HE GOT INTO SE, I THOUGHT...

...."HE'S REALLY GONNA FULFILL HIS DREAM!"

AND I WAS SO, SO HAPPY FOR HIM.

OKAY NOW, SMILE!

NI (SMILE)

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KASHA (SNAP)

MY BROTHER DOESN'T GIVE UP HALFWAY!

HUH ...?

YET, THAT SAME BROTHER IS GOING TO...

GU (GULP)

...GIVE UP HIS BIGGEST DREAM .....?

"LET'S MAKE AN FF TOGETHER" IS WHAT YOU PROMISED ME!

KI (FROWN)

I MAY BE IN THE SALES DEPARTMENT ...

...BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I'VE ALREADY GIVEN UP!

SO LET'S KEEP AT IT A BIT LONGER...

AND SOMEDAY WE'LL GET TO DO FF-RELATED WORK!

IF WE GIVE IT OUR ALL, MAYBE THINGS WILL WORK OUT.

YUKO ...

RIGHT NOW WE'RE IN SE, THE PLACE OF OUR CHILDHOOD DREAMS, AREN'T WE!?

HERE IS WHERE WE'LL HAVE OUR BEST CHANCE AT THIS.

...AND DO OUR BEST!

YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT!

NI. (GRIND)

...YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT, YUKO.

SIGN: KAMEYA EATERY

HMM?

OH..... SORRY FOR HAVING YOU TREAT ME, YUKO.

YEAH, WELL LET'S SEE...

DID I REALLY LOOK THAT OUT OF IT?

THANK YOU, PLEASE COME AGAIN!

GARARA (SLIDE)

NOBI. (STRETCH)

GORO (SHRRRRRRR)

GORO

GORO

IT CAN'T HAVE BEEN THAT BAD...

...POISONED TO CONFUSED, TO SILENCED, TO TAKING DAMAGE OVER TIME, TO KO'D, I GUESS!

RIGHT NOW, YOUR STATUS CHANGED FROM...

ARISE, ARISE, OH SALARIED WARRIOR!

JUST GET UP, UP, AND ON YOUR FEET AGAIN!

SO, THAT'S WHERE A RAISE SPELL IN THE FORM OF YOUR CUTE LITTLE SISTER'S CHEER COMES IN AND MAKES IT ALL BETTER!

OOOOOOO (VOOOOM)

WHAT'S ALL THE COMMOTION ...?

KIKIIII (SQUEEEAL)

GAN (BLAM)

VUVUU (VROOM)

THAT 500-YEN PORK CUTLET SET WAS A RAISE? WHAT A BARGAIN-BIN RAISE—

PFFT!

WHAT DID YOU SAY!!?

AH HA HA HA HA HA!

KIKI
SHOOM

GAGO
GBLAP

—WHAT THE...?

...YUKO? WHERE ARE YOU!?

WHAT JUST HAPPENED...?

.....?

HOPU (RUFFLE)

HOPU

HOPU

SOMETHING IS TICKLING MY FACE? ...WAIT...

HOPU

HOPU

RUFFLE —??

KUPOPO!

Mog Mogcan Moogle...?

!!??

.....?

.....

.....

Hya

NU-CPERKO

!

HMPH. IT'S SOME BUMPKIN WHO'S NEVER SEEN A MOOGLE!

TH-THE MOOGLE IS T-T-TALKING ...?

...S-SQEAKING !!!

ZETTAI ZETTAI!!

DON BONK

A M—

MOOGLE ?!

KUPO?

KUPOPO —

ZA (ZOOF)

GA HA HA HA!

UNFORTU-NATELY!

HMM, I S'POSE THAT'S TRUE!

SEEMS HE'S ALIVE, UNFORTU-NATELY...

ANYWAY—

DODON (BA-BAM)

SMIRK

Duston Dolta
Black Mage

Rei Hagakure
Warrior

MUSU (SCOWL)

REALLY, YOU TWO? STOP IT WITH THE UNFORTUNATELY STUFF ALREADY!

!

COSPLAY .....?

UNFORTU-NATELY...?

THEY'RE DRESSED ALL FUNNY...

WHAT'S THE DEAL?

KIRI CGLINTO

キリ

IF HE'S ALIVE THEN IT'S UP TO US TO HEAL HIM!

Sharuru Linkingfeather
White Mage

YOU WANT ME TO FULLY HEAL YOU, YES!? YOU DO, DON'T YOU!?

H-HUH? WHAAA ??

ずいっ ZUI (ZOOM)

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? YOU MUST STILL BE UNWELL, RIGHT!?

EH?

ずずいっ ZUZUI

FUWA (FLOAT)

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...BLOW IN ENERGY!

PEOOO (WHOOOSH)

LIFE'S REFRESHING BREEZE...

NOW THEN ...

KIRI

HEY WAIT, SHARU!

DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY, OKAY!?

POCOCO

CURE!

!!?

IT'S LIKE...A CONCENTRATED SAUNA.....?

WHAT IS THIS...

WOW— IT'S SO WARM AND SOOTHING .....

DOUBT SHE CAN HEAR YOU, REI.

SHARU? ARE YOU IN THERE!?

SHARU!

CUUU-URE!

CURE! CURE! CURE!

CURE!

SHUT YOUR MOUTH, DUS-TON!

...

OKAY

HEY, COME ON...! THIS IS GETTING OUT OF HAND.

POWAWAWAWA (TWOOOO)

UWAH

HE MUST NEED SOME MORE, THEN .....!

OH NO! HE'S STILL KNOCKED OUT...

OH!

...HOW IS IT?

POKAN (SHOCK)

AH!

GOGOGOGO (DOGOMO)

SAY YOU'RE GOOD OR DIE

SCARY GAL!!!

GOOD AS NEW... THANKS!

UH, YES...

ZEHAA (HUFF)

ARE YOU..... ALL BETTER NOW?

ZEE (PANT)

H- HOW WAS THAT?

ZEE

ZEE

ZEE

FUWAH (SPARKLE)

IS THAT SO!

DOKI (BA-DUMP)

...HEH HEH. WELL THEN, I'M GLAD.

FOR PITY'S SAKE! THAT'S MORE A FAULT THAN ANYTHING!

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KOKU

KOKU (NOD)

SHE JUST CAN'T LEAVE AN INJURED PERSON UNHEALED.

AGH, I KNEW IT!

MUST BE OUTTA MP...

GA HA HA HA!

!!?

ムキー

BIKU (CEEEK)

BTAAN (THUD)

SFX: PUNSUKA (GRRRRRRRR)

PATA

PATA (GLAD)

UHNN-HNN-HNN-HNN

GA HA HA HA!

THOSE ARE SOME ODD NOISES. WONDER IF SHE'S OKAY...

OH, RIGHT. THE REASON I SAID "UNFORTUNATELY" WAS BECAUSE I SAW THIS COMING.

I DIDN'T MEAN I WASN'T HAPPY YOU WERE ALL RIGHT. HOPE THERE'S NO HARD FEELINGS.

SAAAAA (RUSTLE)

ACTUALLY, WHERE AM I...? WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE ...?

WELL WE'RE... NEAR THE TOWN OF NYLPO, I GUESS?

U-UM...

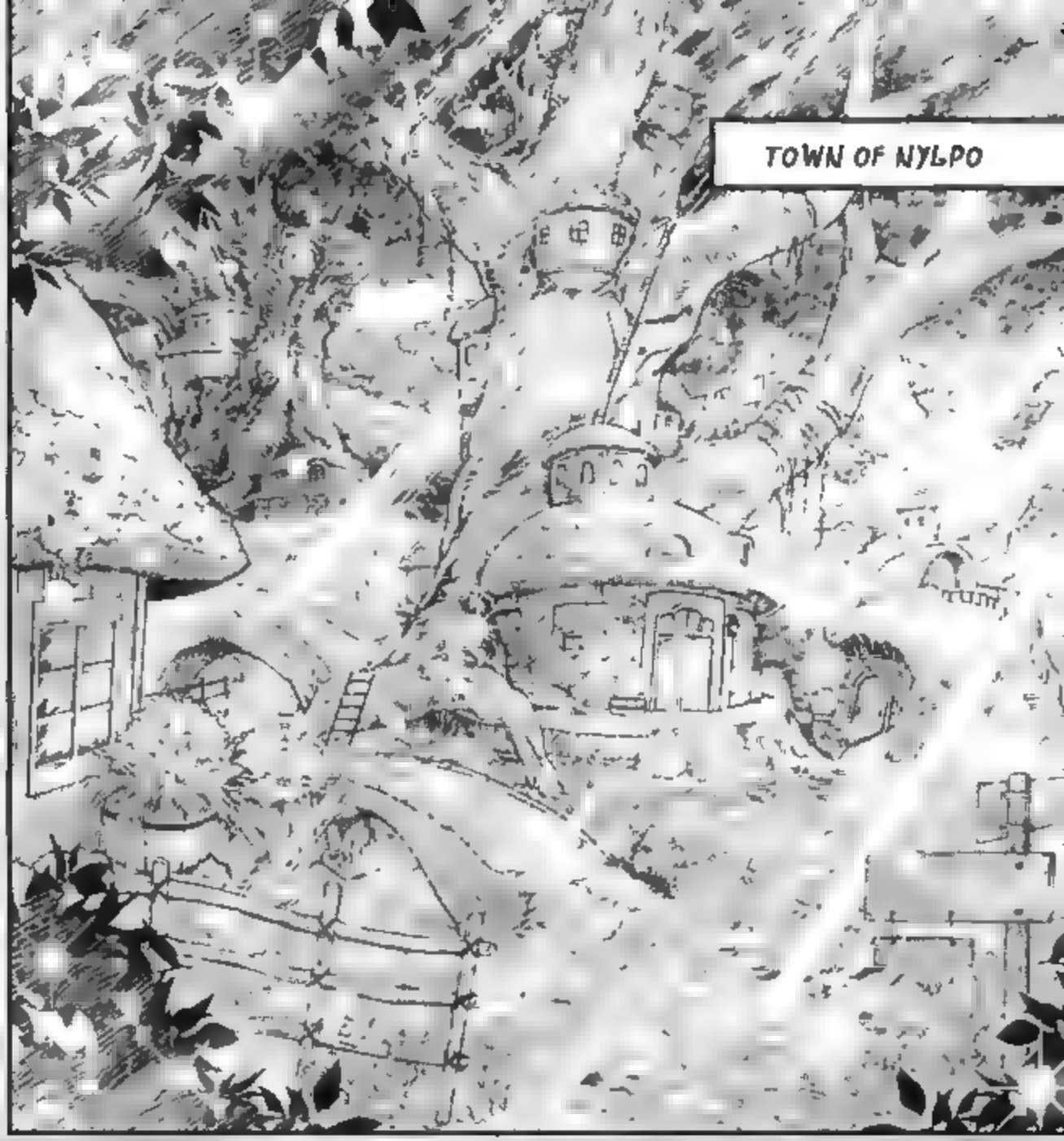
THANK... YOU?

WHAT IS...

...THIS PLACE !!?

RAAAAA GYUOOOOMD

NO WAY...
THAT'S A—!


TOWN OF NYLPO

ZAWA
ZAWA
ZAWA
ZAWA
ZAWA
ZAWA
ZAWA
(MURMUR)

KWEH?

THIS CHOCOBO IS ALIVE!! IT'S A REAL, LIVE CHOCOBO !!!

A CHOCOBO !?

TRY OUR GYSAHL PICKLES! ONE BITE AND YOU'LL BE HOOKED!

CARE TO TRY A CHOCOBO MANJUU FROM NYLPO'S FINEST? THEY'RE PIPIN' HOT!

THE ACTUAL FF...!!?

IS THIS FOR REAL!? AM I REALLY IN THE WORLD OF FF !!?

MOOGLES, CURE SPELLS, CHOCOBOS, AND LALAFELLS ...!

PURU

PURU (TREMBLE)

PIKO (FIP)

PIKO

THERE'S EVEN LALAFELLS !!!

ちん (CHIN (TEENY))

まり。 (MARI (TINY))

MIQO'-TES TOO !!!

ぴりりっぴ (PIPIRIN (WIGGLE))

THOSE LITTLE PEOPLE OVER THERE... THEY'RE LALAFELL, AREN'T THEY?

THE FFXIV ONES..

THEY'RE *MAHLWON*, I'D SAY.

...WHAT'S THIS "LALAHELL"... AND "MEKOTAY" STUFF YOU'VE BEEN GOIN' ON ABOUT, HUH? CARE TO EXPLAIN??

HUH?

?

WHOAA!

AMAZING .....!

MY MENTAL ULTIMANIA IS TOTALLY BLANK ON THIS !!!!

I DON'T KNOW THESE NAMES ...!!!

"!!

???

GAAAN (SHOCKED)

MAHLWON?? CATTERS??

I'M PRETTY SURE THIS "NYLPO" PLACE DOESN'T EXIST IN ANY FFS EITHER.

MAAOW

CAT EARS AND TAILS CAN ONLY MEAN MIQ'OTE ...

ALSO FROM FFXIV...

THEY'RE DEFINITELY *CATTERS*.

A ROEGA-WHA.....?

NO, WE'RE ACTUALLY CALLED *HYUUJ*.

THE ROEGADYN !!!

THE BIGGEST AND BUFFEST RACE!

...ROEGADYN, WOULD YOU ...?

NUKIMUKIMUKIN (BUFF)

ムキ ムキ ムキ!!!

YOU WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO BE A...

UHM ...

JI (PEEK)

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THEY'RE ACTUALLY CALLED *ELREIN*.

GIRO (GLARE)

TH-THEN WHAT ABOUT THE LITHE ONES WITH THE POINTY EARS?

AREN'T THEY ELEZEN OR ELVAAN?

I DUNNO ANY OF THIS ~

WE SURE PICKED UP AN ODD FELLA...

BUT THEN AGAIN ...

HE KNOWS ABOUT THE RACES BUT IS CLUELESS ON THEIR NAMES...

SO, EITHER HE'S FROM SOMEWHERE TOTALLY ISOLATED, OR HE WAS RAISED IN SOME SORTA BUBBLE...

UUHH? HUUUUUH ??

THERE CAN'T POSSIBLY BE AN FF I DON'T KNOW ABOUT !!!

HYUUJ? ELREIN??

THE HECK !?

.....

GA HA HA!

A-GYOWW!

BASHIIN (THWACK)

WELL, THIS IS A BIG WORLD! SO WHAT IF YOU DUNNO A RACE OR TWO!

NOW, LET'S GIVE TALKING A BREAK AND FILL UP ON SOME GRUB AT THE INN'S EATERY!

WOULD BE NICE TO GET A MEAL OUTTA SAVING YA, THOUGH~!

WAIT!

KYORO GLANCE

OH!

ZAKUUU (PECK)

SOWA

SOWA

SOWA

SOWA

SOWA (FIDGET)

KYORO

GHE-YAA-AH!

BIKUUU (JUMP)

...HE SEEMS HARMLESS ENOUGH.

MHM.

ZUKI (HURT)

ZUKI

ZUKI

GRRRR...

BESIDES, WE KEEP FAILING QUESTS, SO WE'RE LOW ON FUNDS.

HISO (WHISPER)

RRRR...

I GET IT, BUT WE'RE STARVIN', AND SHARURU NEEDS TIME TO RECOVER TOO...

I CANNOT CONDONE ASSOCIATING WITH THIS UNKNOWN FELLOW ANY LONGER! I WANT NO PART OF THESE SHENANIGANS.

SIGN: CHOCOBO STABLES

.....

GAYA (CHATTER)

WAI (MURMUR)

WAI

MAYBE THERE ARE EVEN RONZO AND VIERA IN OTHER REGIONS .....

ARE THOSE THE NAMES FOR ROEGADYN AND ELEZEN IN THESE PARTS, OR ARE THEY TOTALLY DIFFERENT RACES?

AM I THE ONLY ONE WHO ENDED UP IN THIS MESS...?

AN UNKNOWN WORLD...WITH UNFAMILIAR RACES....

ZA (THUD)

I WONDER WHERE SHE ENDED UP.....

YUKO... I LOOKED ALL AROUND ON MY WAY HERE, BUT I SAW NO TRACE OF HER...

ZO (SHUDDER)

DON'T TELL ME SHE—

GUUU (GREEEAK)

WOW, REALLY!? A GOBLIN DID THAT? THAT'S TOO FUNNY!

DO (TA-DAH)

KOKE (SLIP)

AH HA HA HA HA HA!

OH, ONII-CHAN!

HIYA!

SO YOU ENDED UP HERE TOO, HUH!

YUKO !!?

Y-Y-Y-Y-Y-YU...

SFX: KUN (SNIFF) KUN

BOH (DAZED)

MMM? SMELLS GOOD

ZUUUN (GLOOMY)

SO NON-CHALANT ...!

WAI (MLEMMED)

GAYA (CHATTER)

MY BIG BRO'S SAVIORS NEED TO BE REWARDED!

EVERYTHING HERE IS ON ME, SO EAT AS MUCH AS YOU WANT!

KYA!

KYA!

KYA!

KYA!

I SEE! YOU'RE THE LITTLE SISTER!

CHIRA (GLANCE)

IT DOES LOOK DELICIOUS, BUT...

UM... ANYWAY, IT MEANS I'M FULLY HEALED AND AT FULL STENGTH! PLUS, THIS FOOD IS AWESOME!

KYA!

KYA!

DE-PA...?

ズズ ooo

ズズ (SIP)

JOIN IN, YUKO. THEIR APPLE JUICE IS TO DIE FOR. ONE GLASS HEALS YOU RIGHT UP!

MMH, THIS IS DELICIOUS! EVEN BETTER THAN THE PREMIUM SMOOTHIES FROM DEPARTMENT STORES!

KYA!

KYA!

III (GREEEK)

...WHAT KIND OF FOOD IS THIS?

JI (PEEK)

FLATBREAD

A round, flat grilled type of bread

- Rye Flour
- Table Salt
- Mineral Water

VUVUN (WOOOOM)

NUTKIN STEAK

A nutkin steak garnished with garlic

- Nutkin Meat
- Wild Onion
- Garlean Garlic

CHANTERELLE SAUTE

Wild chanterelles sautéed in butter

- Chanterelle
- Smooth Butter

HOWDY!

PACHI-KUPI (BLINK)

I HAPPENED TO GET LOTS OF GIL FROM SELLING MY NECKLACE, WHY?

YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT, YUKO... YOU'RE FITTING IN WAY TOO WELL.

HOW'D YOU PAY FOR ALL THIS, ANYWAY? THE FOOD, THE CLOTHES...

NOT EATING, ONII-CHAN? THESE LOOK WAY BETTER THAN THAT PORK CUTLET SET!

GOSHI (RUB)

GOSHI

.....? I FEEL LIKE SOME WINDOWS JUST POPPED INTO MY EYES...

...THERE ARE WAY TOO MANY UNKNOWNS—

WHETHER IT BE ABOUT THIS PLACE, THE SITUATION, OR WHAT'S TO COME...

カリ (KARIRI SLUMP)

I REALLY AM NO GOOD AT ADAPTING LIKE YUKO...

HOW DID ALL THIS HAPPEN?

I DON'T RECALL... SEEING ANY GRAN GRIMOIRES EITHER...

IT'S MORE LIKE WE'VE BEEN REINCARNATED INTO AN ALTERNATE UNIVERSE...

DID WE FALL THROUGH A VOIDGATE?

WERE WE SUMMONED?

LET'S MAKE IT TOGETHER!

ARE THEY NO LONGER ATTAINABLE?

THEN OUR AMBITIONS... OUR DREAMS... OUR PROMISE...

...WE REALLY DID DIE THERE?

WHAT IF...

...REINCARNATED?

I DON'T KNOW. I DON'T KNOW. WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO—?

ADVENTURERS TRAVEL THE WORLD, HUNT MONSTERS, AND TAKE QUESTS FROM GUILDS TO EARN MONEY, AFTER ALL.

I S'POSE SO.

?

YOU'VE BEEN TO ALL SORTSA PLACES, RIGHT!?

ARE YOU FOLKS LIKE... "ADVEN-TURERS" ?

CHIRA

CHIRA (GLANCE)

GATATA (RATTLE)

HEY! HEEEEEY!

HUH!

WE ALL WISH FOR DIFFERENT THINGS, BUT THE DRAW OF THE GREAT UNKNOWN...

...LEADS MANY TO BECOME ADVENTURERS.

GREATER CHALLENGES BRING GREATER RISKS AND REWARDS.

MONEY, POWER, FAME, KNOWLEDGE.

SO, LIKE...IS THAT FUN? OR IS IT HARD ??

HMM..... IT'S TOUGH, BUT FUN TOO, I GUESS.

YUKO...? WHAT'RE YOU THINKING !?

I SMELL TROUBLE

MMM CLEERO

I SEE...

...BUT THE WEAKLINGS JUST BITE THE DUST.

THEY ALL SET THEIR SIGHTS HIGH...

HMPH!

...AS YOUR APPRENTICES !!?

!?

DON (BAM)

WHA— !?

COULD YOU TAKE ME AND MY BROTHER ...

...OKAY! I'VE DECIDED !!

YOU'RE JUST A SECOND-YEAR !

IT'LL BE FINE! I'M AN EXCELLENT JUDGE OF CHARACTER!

RESPECT SALESPEOPLE!

THIS ISN'T SUDDEN AT ALL! I'VE BEEN THINKING THIS SINCE I GOT HERE!

KISO (WHISPER)

ZUZUU (ZOOM)

WHAT ABOUT THAT SALES WORK OF YOURS!?

KOSO (WHISPER)

H-HEY! YUKO... WHAT'S THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN !?

...YOU'VE GOTTA ACT!

BESIDES, WE HAVE NO IDEA HOW TO GET BACK HOME, RIGHT?

YOU KNOW—

WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW...

LOOK HARD, STUDY HARD, THINK HARD, AND SEARCH HARD!

YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE THERE'S AN ANSWER TO BE FOUND HERE!

...!

THINKING CAN'T HELP YOU WITH WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW...

SO WHAT YOU GOTTA DO IS LEARN MORE!

BET YOU CAN'T WAIT TO EXPLORE TOO, RIGHT?

にまあ (SMIRK)

BESIDES, WE LUCKED OUT AND LANDED IN AN *FF*-LIKE WORLD!

W-WELL...

KOSO (WHISPER)

KOSO

WOULDN'T YOU SAY BECOMING AN ADVENTURER IS PERFECT FOR THAT?

I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO ONIII-CHAN!

C'MON, NOW'S THE TIME TO SHOW THOSE ARCHERY SKILLS!

UHAH! WHY- YOU!

UHEH!

UHOH!

BOWS? YOU CAN USE A BOW, SHOGO?

ONII-CHAN.

KYA!

KYA!

TA-DAH. ☆ IT'S A YOICHI BOW! LOLOLOL.

I KNOW YOU.

...PRETEND TO BE A RANGER!

ISN'T THAT RIGHT!

GOBUFU (PFFT)

YOU JOINED THE SCHOOL'S ARCHERY CLUB SO YOU COULD..

YOU WERE ALL INTO THAT LONG-RANGED STUFF, YESSS?

AND THEY DON'T SEEM TO BE BAD PEOPLE...

MM-HMM... WE WERE JUST THINKING THERE'S TOO FEW OF US.

!

...RIGHT?

YOU COULD SAY WE WERE BROUGHT TOGETHER BY FATE ...

DANN! (THUMP)

I'M AGAINST THIS!

WELL, THEN—!

REI...

REI-SAN...!

KI (GLARE)

PLEASE GIVE US A CHANCE, REI-SAN!

WE'LL EVEN WASH THE DISHES AND SHINE YOUR SHOES!

WE'LL DO OUR BEST TO STAY OUT OF YOUR WAY!

THEY'RE HOODLUMS WE'VE BARELY JUST MET AND KNOW NOTHING OF!

I'VE BEEN TELLING YOU THAT WE'RE BURDENED ENOUGH AS IS...

WE'LL TAKE OUR SEARCH ELSE-WHERE!!

THERE'S NO NEED FOR EXTRA BAGGAGE!

AGH...

JI (STARE)

I REALLY WANT THIS TOO, REI.

THAT'S OKAY, RIGHT ...?

DARA
DARA
DARA (DRIP)
DARA
KIRA
KIRA (GLITTER)
KIRA
KIRA

SFX: GOGOGOGO (RUMBLE)

YAAAAY!
THIS IS WONDERFUL, RIGHT YUKO-SAN, SHOGO-SAN!?
WOO-HOO!!
Y-YEAH...
CUUURSES! IT'S FOLLOW THE LEADER, RIGHT!? SHE MAKES THE DECISIONS!
...DO WHAT YOU MUST !!!

...SHARU.
GAKUL (DEFEATED)
NIYA
NIYA
NIYA (JEER)
SO, WHICH ONE OF US IS THE PARTY LEADER AGAIN...?

M-MOUNTAINS, HUH...
KYA
KYA (SQUEAL)
...IF THEY'RE NO GOOD, I'LL DISPOSE OF THEM IN THE MOUNTAINS MYSELF! REMEMBER THAT!
OOOKAY!

KIN (GLINT)
HOWEVER ...!!!

キッ
KI
(GLARE)

...OKAY!

ぽけ～
POKE
(BLANK)

AH!

ばんっ ばんっ BUN
BUN
ばんっ
BUN
(SHAKE)
バシン
(SMACK)

IF THAT'S SETTLED, SHARU—!?

YES? WHAT IS IT, SHOGO-SAN?

I NEED SOMETHING TO WRITE WITH... HAVE ANYTHING TO MAKE A RECORD WITH?

OH, I'VE GOT SOMETHING LIKE THAT IN MY BAG—

ONII-CHAN?

WE'RE GOIN' BACK TO THE BASICS!

NI (GRIND)

WE'RE GONNA CLEAR !!!

N!!!

DON (BAM)

IT'S AS YOU SAID, YUKO. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY.

THIS FF—

RIGHT!

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PAAAA (GLOW)

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AND SO...
WE JOINED
SHARURU'S
PARTY.

WHAT WE KNOW OF THIS WORLD NO.1

25mm
23mm
20mm
10
1 GIL
10 GIL

CURRENCY STILL CALLED GIL

THINKING CAN'T HELP YOU WITH WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW, SO WHAT YOU GOTTA DO IS LEARN MORE.

I'VE NEVER SHOT AT LIVE TAAARGETS!

TO THE MOUNTAIN!!!

ZLIN (DASH)

AIEEE!

LOOK HARD, STUDY HARD, THINK HARD, AND SEARCH HARD!

NO.2

EVEN THE WEAKEST MONSTERS ARE A DANGER TO US!!

SHAAA (KSSHH)

アアアアア

GASH! GASH! GASH! GASH! GASH!

HEEELP MEEE!!!

わき WAK! SQUIRM わき WAK! わき WAK!

ゴゴゴゴゴゴゴゴ GOGOGOGOGO

GOGOGOGOGO (DOOOOM)

KUPO ...?

... KU—

GOGOGOGOGO

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BWERGHH

KWEH!

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KAPPONN (KERSPLOP)

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WHAT WE KNOW OF THIS WORLD NO.3

CHOCOBOS ARE SMELLY THEIR DROOL, ESPECIALLY

NAME: CHIKUWA VERY BITEY BEWARE!!

NAME CHABURO RATHER DOCILE

WASHING BUSYPECTING AT REMOVING SMELL HAD TO WASH 10 TIMES BEFORE IT WENT AWAY

PUPU (TREMBLE) PUPU PUPU PUPU

GOWA (UGGH)

HOW NICE..

KU POOOOOOOO!

WHAT WE KNOW OF THIS WORLD NO 4

THERE'S A MOOGLE'S CHEST TUFTS FEEL LIKE OUR PET DOG'S FUR

A MOOGLE'S BABBLE

SFX: MOFU (RUFFLE) MOFU

WHAT WE KNOW OF THIS WORLD NO 5

THEY HAVE A BATTHING CULTURE!!

- THEY HAVE BATH TUBS.
- THEY HAVE A CHOCOBO HER OF DUCKLING TOYS.

GAPPONN (SPLOSSH)

ZABAAA (SPLISSH)

...THIS WAS DEFINITELY THE WORLD OF FF.

THOUGH WE STILL KNEW VERY LITTLE...

SUYA (SNORE)

SUYA

SUYA

WHAT WE KNOW OF THIS WORLD NO.6

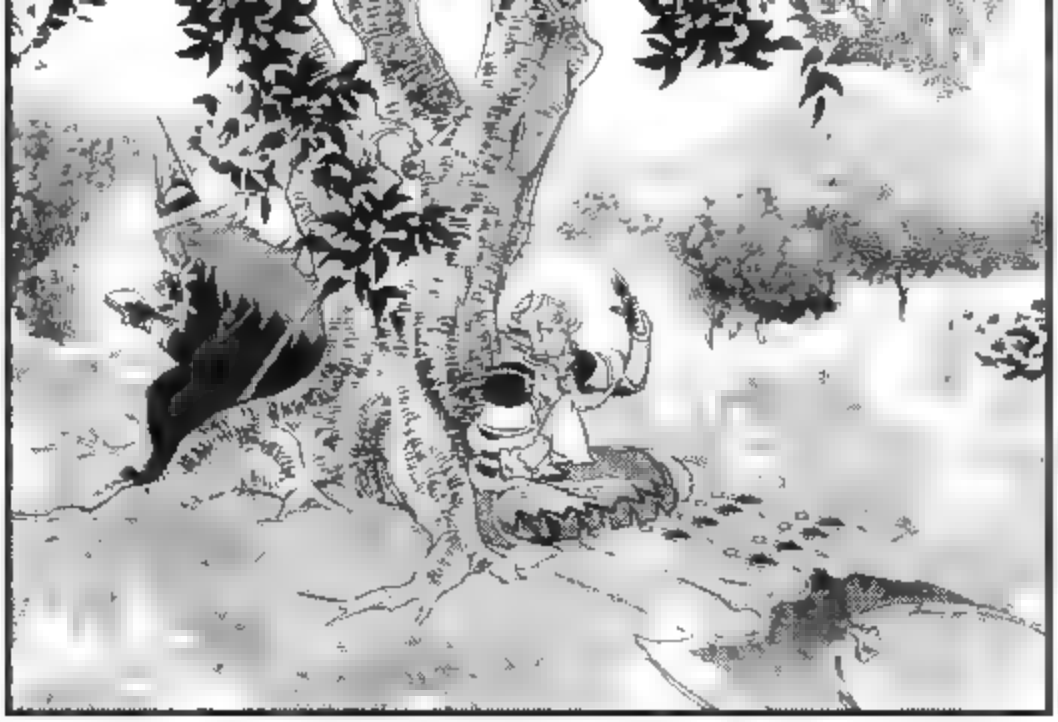
STRAW FUTONS CAN BE PRETTY COMFY!

...THE CLEARER WE WERE ABLE TO SEE...

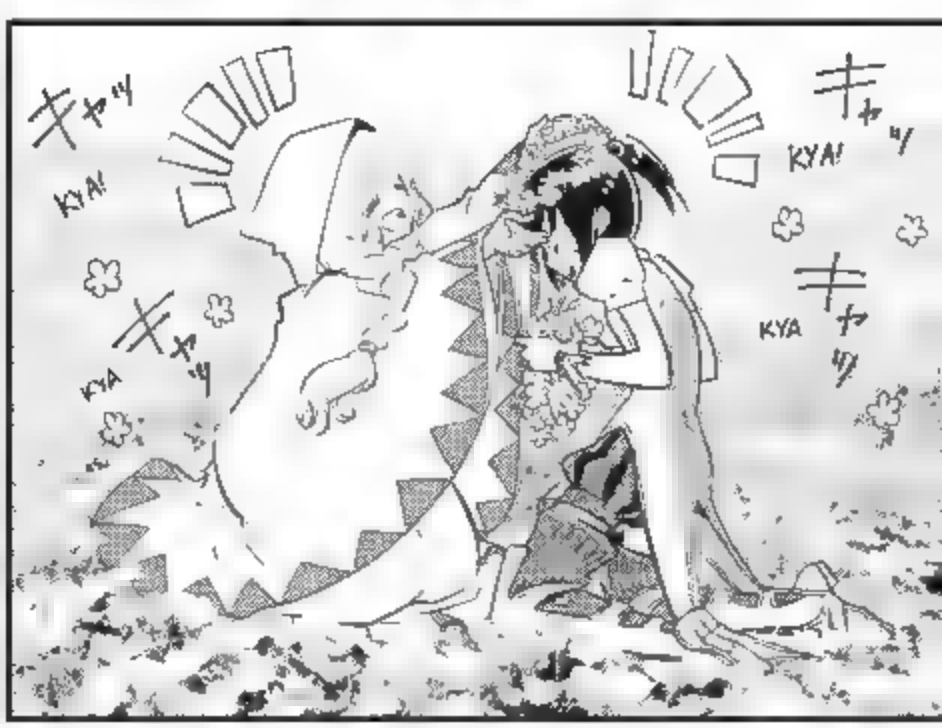
THE MORE WE KNEW OF THIS WORLD...

IT WAS FUN...

SO MUCH FUN...



RIGHT-HIGH
(PIP-CHIRRRP?)


KYA!
KYA!
KYA
KYA

HYOKO
(POP)
YUP.
IS THIS... A DRAWING OF ALL THE PLACES WE'VE BEEN TO?
OOH!

SAAAA
(SWOOSH)

PARA (RUSTLE)

IT'S AWESOME! YOU'RE GREAT AT THIS, ONII-SAN!

MINE ALWAYS LOOK LIKE THIS!

BY MAESTRA YUKO

BOO!

BOO!

AGH... THAT'S WHAT THE TALENTED PEOPLE ALWAYS SAY! SO ANNOY-ING!

I JUST PAY CLOSE ATTENTION AND DRAW WHAT I SEE...

I DUNNO...

ANY SORTA TRICKS TO THIS?

Q.

CHEET?

THAT'S NOT NORMAL...

IF YOU LOOK CLOSE ENOUGH, YOU KINDA JUST FEEL LIKE *THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THIS DEAD END*, NO?

BUT, WITH THE WAY YOU CAN FIND ALL THE HIDDEN ITEMS WITH JUST A GLANCE, IT'S LIKE YOU'RE USING A CHEAT!

WELL, YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN GREAT AT BEING... PERCEPTIVE, I GUESS? SO IT MAKES SENSE!

NO WAY!

...BUT STILL...

YOU'RE LIKE THE ARCHMAGUS FROM THE FAIRY TALES, SHOGO-SAN!

WOW, AMAZING!

...IT'S LIKE ALL THAT DATA COLLECTING AND GUIDE BOOK WRITING I DID BEFORE...

...HAS MADE ALL THE QUIRKS OF FF...

...EASY FOR ME TO SEE OR SOMETHING—

GA-HA-HA-HA-HA!

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I NEVER WOULDA THOUGHT YOU TWO WERE "JOBLESS"!

馬鳥亭

SIGN: CHOCOBO STABLES

YOU CAN TRAIN THERE TOO, SO ALL YOUR NEWBIE WORRIES WILL SURELY BE LIFTED!

OOH, JOBS! SO THERE'S A REGISTRATION SYSTEM!

GAKKURI (GLOOM)

がっくり…

INCON-CEIVABLE... HOW COULD ANYONE TRY TO BE AN ADVEN-TURER IN THAT STATE .....

ARE YOU TWO REALLY THAT DAFT!?

...AND HAVE THEM REGISTER A "JOB" FOR THEM.

NOW, NOW, WE CAN JUST GO TO A TOWN WITH A "GUILD"...

BAN (WHAM)

THERE'S AN UNKNOWN MONSTER IN THE CRAGS PAST THE NORTH RIVER!

AND—

H-HELP!

BATA

BATA (TMP)

BATA

!

I SEE! WHAT JOB SHOULD I TAKE? SO HARD TO DECIDE! ♪ EH-HEH-HEH!

KYA!

KYA!

YES. UNFOR-TUNATELY, THERE AREN'T ANY GUILDS IN THIS TOWN, THOUGH.

GATATA (CLATTER)

!!!

—A KID WHO WAS PLAYING THERE GOT LEFT BEHIND! SOMEONE PLEASE SAVE HER!

LET'S GO!

ZA (ZHUP)

!!

WELL, IT IS OBVIOUS WHAT WE MUST DO THEN.

ALL THE OTHER ADVENTURERS... HAVE LEFT ALREADY, IT SEEMS.

ooo

KATA (SHAKE)

KATA

KATA

KATA

GOOOOO (DOOOM)

ZAAAA (WOOSH)

!!!

ZUUUUN (BOOOM)

ズゥゥゥン

ZUUUUN

ズゥゥゥン…

THE KID IS ON THE OTHER SIDE...

IT STARTED HANGING OUT IN THE MOUNTAIN TUNNELS A WHILE BACK, SO THE ADVENTURERS' GUILD PUT OUT A MARK FOR IT.

A NUMBER OF ADVENTURERS HAVE ALREADY TAKEN UP THE CAUSE...

...BUT NONE HAVE EVEN MANAGED TO HURT IT YET, THEY SAY.

YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?

IMPOS-SIBLE ...!

WHY IS THAT MONSTER HERE!?

BARI! (CRACKLE)

GA (GRIP)

GU (TUG)

GU

GU

GU

GU

GUU

OOOOO (DOOOM)

THAT'S WHY THE ADVENTURERS' GUILD NAMED IT—

NOBODY KNOWS WHERE IT'S FROM OR HOW IT ATTACKS.

DON (THOMP)

KOGOGO (SHOGOGO)

THE "DAWNLESS WHITE DRAGON"!!!

DAWNLESS ...

...WHITE DRAGON ...!?

GOKURI (GU..?)

ゴクリ…

UHM ...

...WE DIDN'T EVEN MAKE A DENT!

WE BARELY GOT OUT ALIVE!!

NO WAY...

SO, HOW MUCH OF A LEVEL DIFFERENCE IS THERE BETWEEN US AND IT...? DO WE STAND A CHANCE?

GIRL (GLOOM)

...WE'VE MADE AN ATTEMPT ON IT ALREADY, BUT.....

TO LEAVE AND FIND SOME OTHER, MORE CAPABLE FOLKS!!!

!!!!

IT IS CERTAIN THAT WE ARE NO MATCH FOR IT.

OUR BEST COURSE OF ACTION IS—

JIR! (POOM)

じり…

DOPAAA (KA-SPYAAA)!

REI!

BIKU (SHUD)

REI NEARLY—!

HE'S RIGHT... WHEN WE THE FOUGHT THAT DRAGON...

AH—

CHALLENGING IT NOW WOULD ONLY INCREASE OUR LOSSES IN VAIN!

REI! IF WE DID THAT, THEN THE CHILD—

THAT'S ALL WE CAN HOPE FOR RIGHT NOW...!

THAT CHILD MAY BE able TO HIDE UNTIL HELP ARRIVES.

COULD SHE? SHE'S SO YOUNG... SHE COULD START CRYING OR SCREAMING ANY MINUTE.

IF SHE'S FOUND...

...AND WE STAND IDLY BY... THEN THAT CHILD...

MAY BE ABLE TO HIDE...

...WILL DIE...

I CAN'T JUST... EXPOSE YUKO AND OUR COMPANIONS TO DANGER .....

GU (CLENCH)

...MY ARCHERY SKILLS COULDN'T POSSIBLY ...

...CHANGE THIS SITUATION ...

...BUT...

COMING TO THE FF WORLD HASN'T MADE ME A HERO AT ALL.

I'M JUST NOT GOOD ENOUGH—

IS THERE NOTHING I CAN DO?

THERE'S TOO MUCH AT STAKE...!

"YOU DON'T NEED A REASON TO HELP PEOPLE."

THE HERO OF *FF9* SURE HAS SOME COOL LINES...

DO YOU REMEMBER, ONII-CHAN?

AH!

YOU WERE SO COOL!

I USED TO BE A SELFISH CRYBABY...

WHENEVER I DIDN'T LIKE SOMETHING, I'D THROW A FIT AND CRY.

BUT YOU'D ALWAYS LOOK AT ME AND REPEAT ZIDANE'S LINE.

YOU'D ALWAYS STAY PATIENT...

...AND TEACH ME THINGS...

...I KNOW THIS.

BUT...

...THINK OF LIMITS AND RISKS, AND STOP BEING ABLE TO ACT.

...AS ADULTS, WE START TO...

SO, I SAY...

IF WE ABANDON THESE THINGS, THEN WE LOSE SIGHT OF OURSELVES, SO...

WHAT WAS PRECIOUS TO US...

WHAT WAS COOL WHEN WE WERE KIDS...

WHAT IT MEANT TO BE INSPIRED...

YUKO...?

MOGICAN, YOU GO AND GET HELP!

AND MAKE SURE THEY'RE STRONG!

BIKUU (JUMP)

KUPOO !?

I'M GONNA MAKE A RUN FOR IT AND SAVE THAT KID!

DON (BEAM)

...LET'S DO ALL THAT WE CAN!

!!?

ONE-TWO!
THREE-FOUR!
DON'T WORRY, DON'T WORRY. IT'S GONNA WORK OUT!
BUT YOU'VE ALL GONE THERE AND MADE IT OUT ALIVE BEFORE, RIGHT?
I DOUBT YOU CAN EVEN MAKE IT TO THE CHILD...
ARE YOU STUPID!? IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE!
PATA (CLAP)
KUPO
PATA
PYULUN (BWOINK)
PATA
YUKO-SAN!?
YUKO!?
DA (DASH)
COVER ME!
WAIT, YUKO—
YUKO!
WHILE EVERYONE DRAWS THE DRAGON'S ATTENTION.
BRIDGE
STEEP CLIFF
QUIETLY!
RIVER
HELP!
ATTACK!
THE SNEAK IN AND SAVE 'EM PLAN!
I'LL GO AROUND AND TAKE THE BRIDGE, SO THE DRAGON WON'T SEE ME.
NI (GRIND)
BESIDES, I'M THE LIGHTEST AND FASTEST ON MY FEET HERE!
SNAP OUT OF IT, SHOGO. YOU'RE HELPING TOO!
GOOOO (DOOOOM)
R-RIGHT!
GAH, THAT GIRL IS CRAZY!
FIRE!
ZAN (SLASH)

BYUN (FWOOSH)

MOTA (CREAK)

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MOTA

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SU (FIP)

!

BOUUN (BWOOM)

KARAKARA (CRACKLE)

TA (TMP)

TA TA TA TA TA TA TA

!!

GARARARA (ROLL)

SORO (SLOWLY)

GUU (POOSH)

THIS DRAGON...! IT LOOKS TOTALLY UNFAZED...ARE OUR ARROWS AND SPELLS WORKING!!?

THE LEVEL DIFFERENCE IS TOO HIGH! JUST IGNORE THAT AND KEEP DRAWING IT TO US!!

!

GAKORI (GLARE)

OH NO! THE DRAGON IS—!

DODON BABAMM

YUKO'S IN TROUBLE !!!

YU

KO

DOKUN (BATHUMP)

IT'S RIGHT IN FRONT OF HER!!!

WHAT AM I DOING?

I'M JUST WATCHING IT FROM HERE!?

I WAS JUST LOOKING ON FROM AFAR?

WHY AM I STANDING HERE?

I DON'T KNOW! I DON'T KNOW—!!!

...BUT WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO!?

LOOK HARD, STUDY HARD, THINK HARD —!

KA (FLASH)

ZA (ZUP)

ZA
(ZUP)

THERE'S... SOMETHING ODD ABOUT THIS TERRAIN...

IT'S A LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM WHEN I SKETCHED IT—!?

WHICH MEANS...

SO THE CLIFF CRUMBLED ON ITS OWN...

IT'S THAT PART! THE RIVER'S A LITTLE NARROWER THAN WHEN I SKETCHED IT!!!

OH!

...I SEE IT NOW!

(EEEEM)

IF I COULD JUST FIND MORE "WEAK SPOTS", THEN—!!!

...IS UNSTABLE !!!

...THIS TERRAIN ...

GOOOOOO (RUMBLE)

WHERE IS IT!? FIND IT!

LOOK FOR IT!!

LOOK CLOSER !!!!

BRITTLE ROCK

A crack-filled rock that looks ready to break. Likely to crumble if struck.

STURDY ROCK

A sturdy stone that seems unlikely to budge.

THERE IT IS!!!

HYUN (FWOOSH)

PIKI (GRABS)

TAN (TONK)

PIKI

PIKI

PIKI!!!

GO

GO

GO

NOW'S HER CHANCE!

DON (THUDD)

THE CLIFF IS CRUMBLING ...

...AND FILLING THE RIVER!

BA (ZOOM)

YUKO! OVER HERE!!

!

NICE ONE!

BASHII (BSHOO)

!!!

ONII-CHAN! CATCH!

OKAY, YOU'RE NEXT, YUKO!

C'MON! I'LL CATCH YOU, SO JUST JUMP—

ZHUUUUN
(DOOOOOM)

UUUU —!

GUH... HAAH... HAAH...

CU...RE...!

CURE! CURE! CURE! CURE! CURE!

THIS IS NOT YOUR FAULT, SHARU.

KUPO

I-I'M SORRY, FORGIVE ME.....

HER DEATH—

IT WAS NEAR INSTANT.

...
WHAT...

WHAT IS THIS...?

ZA (THUMP)

SHE'S COLD .....

THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH THIS!! I MEAN, C'MON.....

SHOGO!

HEY, YUKO, WAKE UP! WHAT'S THE MATTER !?

WHAT IS THIS !?

BUN (SHAKE)

GABA (GRAB)

BUN

BUN

WHO KNOWS IF THIS IS EVEN REAL? WE'RE IN THE WORLD OF FF.....!

WHAT THE—

GU (CLENCH)

SHARU!

WASHI (TUU)

BIKU (SHOCK)

IT'S FF, SO .....!

THIS IS FF...

AH!

TH- THAT'S RIGHT..... THAT'S IT!

P-
PLEASE...

.....
YOU'VE GOTTA CAST THAT ON HER!

...USE RAISE.

H-
HEY...

.....

WHA
—

IF YOU CAN'T CAST IT, THEN...

...GET SOMEONE WHO CAN.....

SHOGO-
SAN...

PLEASE LISTEN...

.....?

A SPELL LIKE RAISE ...

...ONLY EXISTS IN...

...FAIRY TALES—

SHAA (SWOOSH)

WHAT WE KNOW OF THIS WORLD NO. 7—

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS RAISE...

TO BE CONTINUED...

TRANSLATION NOTES

COMMON HONORIFICS
no honorific: Indicates familiarity or closeness; if used without permission or reason, addressing someone in this manner would constitute an insult.
-san: The Japanese equivalent of Mr./Mrs./Miss. If a situation calls for politeness, this is the fail-safe honorific.
-kun: Used most often when referring to boys, this indicates affection or familiarity. Occasionally used by older men among their peers, but it may also be used by anyone referring to a person of lower standing.
-chan: An affectionate honorific indicating familiarity used mostly in reference to girls; also used in reference to cute persons or animals of either gender.
-sensei: A respectful term for teachers, artists, or high-level professionals.

O*nii-chan*: An affectionate term used for older brothers or brother figures.

PAGE 3
A *Planner* pitches ideas and guides all parts of the game development process.

PAGE 6
Houjicha = roasted green tea.

PAGE 10
The books and video screencap in the background are all the guide books that Shogo wrote for the *FF* games he's played. They're all titled "My Ultimania." "Ultimania" is the name of the Official *FF* guide books published by Square Enix in Japan (none have been localized into English, but hard-core fans know them as *FF* bibles. The video screencap is of *FFXIV* with overlay comments praising his group for clearing the dungeon.

PAGE 13
Raise = a resurrection spell.

PAGE 25
Manjuu = Steamed Buns.

PAGE 26
Ultimania = Official Japanese *FF* Guide Book Series.

PAGE 33
Voidgate = Dimensional Rift.

Gran Grimoire = A key with power over space-time.

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